GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DECREASE IN CULTIVATION AREA
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH;LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area of cultivation of crops such as paddy, wheat sugarcane and potato including pulses and oil seeds has been decreasing continuously for the last few years;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The scope for increasing cultivated area being limited, the main thrust of the programmes and projects under implementation by the Government for increasing production of foodgrains and oilseeds is to increase productivity by adopting improved farm practices and regionally differentiated growth strategies for optimising production under the existing constraints.